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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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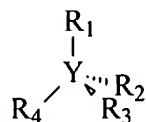
Dear Sir:

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel all pending claims and add the following claims addressing subject matter in application serial number 10/176,335:

35. (Added) A low dielectric constant polymer, comprising:
at least one thermosetting monomer having the structure



wherein Y is selected from a cage compound and a silicon atom, and R₁, R₂, R₃, and R₄ are independently selected from an aryl, a branched aryl and an arylene ether, and wherein at least one of the aryl, the branched aryl, and the arylene ether has a triple bond that participates to form at least part of the polymer.